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CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT
STATE OF MONTANA

Case Number: AF 09-0688

To: Montana Supreme Court**Re: Professional Rules of Conduct, Rule 8.4(g)****Honorable Members of the Court,**

You have called for public comment of the proposed new Rule 8.4(g) of the Professional Rules of Conduct for Montana Attorneys. As a concerned citizen, I hereby submit my request that you REJECT this rule for the following reasons.

This country was founded on the principles of religious freedom and freedom of speech among many other issues that not only allow but actually encourage the independent opinions of ALL citizens, including Attorneys, to be voiced without fear of retribution. Those of differing opinions should be allowed to express those opinions, whether others agree with them or not. Many of us believed when we got married (in our case 57 years ago), that it was forever and it never occurred to us that it was meant to be anything but one man married to one woman. We still feel that way. Others are allowed to voice their opinion but we who have married, raised kids, served our country, held a job for most of our lives and are now enjoying the fruits of our labor should not be forced to live with a change in our legal system or change our basic beliefs or lifestyle for the sake of a minority of the population. What our founding Fathers intended is what the Court should uphold, at all costs. Our founding Fathers got it right when they set up the present system of government and this generation would be ill advised to change what has worked for over 240 years.

Thank you for serving on the Court. God bless America.

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